

REMARKS

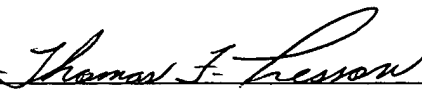
Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the application are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks herewith, which place the application into condition for allowance. The present amendment is being made to facilitate prosecution of the application.

Claims 1-26 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 8, 15 and 21, which are independent, have been amended. Changes to claims are not made for the purpose of patentability within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §101, §102, or §103. Rather, these changes are made simply for clarification and to round out the scope of protection to which Applicants are entitled.

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In view of the foregoing amendments it is believed that all of the claims in this application are patentable and Applicants respectfully request early passage to issue of the present application.

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